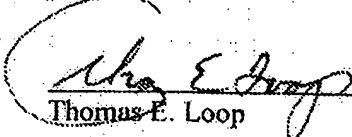


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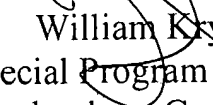
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a petition to have the above-identified application accorded "special" status under 37 CFR 1.102(c). This petition is based on the grounds that the invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment of mankind by contributing to the restoration or maintenance of the basic life sustaining natural elements, i.e., air, water, and soil. This petition is being accompanied by the following statement under 37 CFR 1.102 explaining how the materiality standard is met.

The present invention is directed to foamed containers made from a novel process. The foamed containers include shaped articles of manufacture such as, for example, foamed coffee cups and food packaging trays. More specifically, the inventive foamed containers are made from a sheet or roll of a thermoplastic material, wherein the thermoplastic material consists essentially of a virgin thermoplastic material admixed with a previously processed thermoplastic material (i.e., recycled plastic), wherein the virgin material and the recycled plastic are of the same chemical composition, and wherein the recycled plastic content is in an amount that ranges from about 5% to about

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